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SUBJECT: SECTION III (2) NOMINATION FOR MRS. VIORICA PASCU;
ROMANIAN RUGS AND TAPESTRY EXHIBIT

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1. MRS. PASCU HAS INFORMED US THAT SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHETHER HER ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO CARRY OUT HER PROGRAM ALONE IN THE U.S. THOUGH WE HAVE ASSURED HER THAT WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS -AND WE OURSELVES BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH AFTER A FEW DAYS IN THE U.S.- WE FEEL IT WOULD BE WISE TO HAVE A TRANSLATOR (FRENCH OR ROMANIAN) AVAILABLE TO MRS. PASCU AT LEAST FOR THE INITIAL PERIOD OF HER STAY. THOUGH WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE TRANSLATOR'S SERVICES WILL BE NEEDED FULL-TIME ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS, WE ALSO THINK IT WOULD BE WISE TO HAVE SOMEONE AVAILABLE WHEN MRS. PASCU LECTURES OR LEADS A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION. FOR HER REMARKS AT THE EXHIBIT OPENING SHE WILL HAVE A PREPARED ENGLISH TEXT AND WILL NOT NEED A TRANSLATOR. PLS ADVISE IF THE ABOVE CAN BE ARRANGED.

2. WE ARE GETTING CONFLICTING SIGNALS FROM MRS. PASCU AND THE COUNCIL ON THE DESIRED DURATION OF HER STAY IN THE U.S. AFTER INITIALLY AGREEING TO THE PROPOSED 45 DAY STAY, THE COUNCIL CALLED ON OCTOBER 9 TO INFORM US THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND HER GRANT TO APPROXIMATELY 75 DAYS SO THAT
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SHE COULD OVERSEE THE PACKING OF THE EXHIBIT IN CHICAGO AND

ITS UNPACKING IN L.A. AND ATTEND THE OPENING THERE. UNDER THEIR PROPOSED PROGRAM, SHE WOULD LEAVE L.A. TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER THE EXHIBIT OPENED AND SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN NEW YORK BEFORE RETURNING. PRESUMABLY, ALTHOUGH THE COUNCIL EVIDENTLY HAD NOT THOUGHT THROUGH ALL THE DETAILS, MRS. PASCU WOULD TRAVEL TO ANY OTHER CITIES ON HER PROGRAM TO LECTURE AND VISIT MUSEUMS DURING THE COURSE OF THE EXHIBIT SHOWING IN CHICAGO AND WHILE IT WAS IN SHIPMENT BETWEEN CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES. MRS. PASCU, IN THE MEANTIME, INSISTS TO US AT LEAST THAT SHE IS ONLY AVAILABLE BETWEEN OCTOBER 22 AND DECEMBER 15, AND THAT SHE COULD NOT EXTEND HER STAY AS THE COUNCIL DESIRES. WE ARE WAITING FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONTACT HER AND RESOLVE THE DISCREPANCY AND WILL ADVISE SOONEST.

3. THE COUNCIL HAS ALSO INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL PLAN TO NOMINATE ANOTHER CURATOR FOR THE DETROIT SHOWING OF THE EXHIBIT. THEIR PLAN IS TO HAVE CURATORS IN THE U.S. FOR A TOTAL OF 120 DAYS, EQUAL TO THE TIME DONALD GAYTON, CURATOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY USA, SPENT IN ROMANIAN THIS YEAR AND LIST.

4. FOR USIA: COUNCIL SAYS EXHIBIT WILL BE SHIPPED AIR CARGO OCTOBER 13 VIA PAN AM FROM BUCHAREST TO FRANKFURT AND THEN DIRECTLY FROM FRANKFURT TO CHICAGO, ALSO VIA PAN AM. WE HAVE ASKED SPECIFIC FLIGHT NUMBERS AND ETA CHICAGO AND WILL ADVISE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EXHIBIT SHOWING DATES FOR L.A. ASAP.
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